

POLICY MANUAL

State Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Board
Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services

POLICY 5006(FAC)86-29 Razing of Dilapidated Buildings

Authority

Board Minutes Dated October 22, 1986
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Approved by Board Chairman s/James C. Windsor

References

§§ 37.1-12 and 2.1-505, *Code of Virginia* (1950), as amended.
Department of General Services, Division of Engineering and Buildings
Directive Number 1, Revised, June 15, 1984.
Report of the Commission on Mental Health and Mental Retardation,
1980.

Background

The referenced statute under Title 37.1 charges the Commissioner with responsibility for initiating action for obtaining approval of the Governor to raze dilapidated buildings situated on property under the control of the Department. Such action is required whenever the building is in such a state of dilapidation or disrepair as to be dangerous to patients/residents or Department employees using the building or to other persons frequenting such property.

The State Board is also charged under the statutes with a responsibility in that the selection of buildings by the Commissioner for razing is subject to Board approval.

The Governor has final approval authority for requests to raze a State building. This approval process is administered by the Division of Engineering and Buildings through its Directive Number 1 which sets forth the process for requesting approval of the Governor.

In 1980, the report of the Commission on Mental Health and Mental Retardation specifically identified a recommendation to the Department to develop a timetable and schedule for demolition of buildings.

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Purpose	To develop a statement of policy concerning the statutory requirement that the Commissioner initiate and the Board approve requests for authorization to raze buildings on property under control of the Department.
Policy	<p>It is the policy of the State Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Board that the Commissioner develop a biennial plan which identifies all dilapidated buildings which are recommended to be razed because they present a danger to patients/residents or Department employees.</p> <p>It is further the policy of the Board that the plan be submitted to the Board for review and comment and that the Board take approval action in regard to the razing or tearing down of such buildings in accordance with § 37.1-12 of the Code of Virginia.</p>
Monitoring of This Policy	The Office of Architectural and Engineering Services shall develop a plan for implementation, monitoring and evaluation of this policy.